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1. [] RETURNED FROM [] 22/0330. DURING DEBRIEFING

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OF [] DUTY

OFFICER [] FIGHTER INTERCEPT WING AND SA-16 CREW RETURNING FROM CRASH SITE FOLLOWING INFO FURNISHED: ALL TIMES LOCAL.

A. AIR RESCUE ALERTED 21/1615, SA-16 AIRBORNE 1643, SPOTTED WRECKAGE 1800. OBSERVED GROUP OF INDIGENOUS ON BEACH IN VICINITY OF REMAINS WHICH WERE COVERED BY BROWN BLANKET. SA-16 REMAINED ON STATION UNTIL RELIEVED AT APPROXIMATELY 22/0200. REMAINS MOVED BY HELICOPTER, ARRIVING [] AF DISPENSARY 21/1909. BODY UNDER

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GROUP 1
EXCLUDED FROM AUTO-
MATIC DOWNGRADING
AND DECLASSIFICATION

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AIR POLICE GUARD WITH INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO PERMIT ACCESS WITHOUT

PERMISSION OF DIR OPS

CONDITION OF BODY INDICATES PILOT APPARENTLY STAYED WITH AIRCRAFT UNTIL IMPACT.

B. BEST GUESSTIMATE OF TIME OF CRASH SEEMS TO BE 21/1600. REPORTEDLY SAW AIRCRAFT CRASH, AND RECOVERED BODY BY BOAT. THEY NOTIFIED VIA RADIO TELEPHONE AT 21/1635. WERE ADVISED BY TO COVER BODY AND KEEP CURIOUS AT SAFE DISTANCE.

C. WRECKAGE LOCATED IN 30FT OF WATER. ABOUT 15 TO 20 YARDS OFF SHORE. FUSELAGE UNDER WATER WITH EXCEPTION OF SIZEABLE PIECE OF WING WHICH SEPARATED AND IMBEDDED IN REEF. NO FLOATING DEBRIS OR OIL SLICK. TAIL NUMBER NOT VISIBLE. SA-16 CREW UNABLE TO MAKE JUDGMENT RE TYPE OF AIRCRAFT. THEY WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY COLORING. DURING DEBRIEFING THEY OPINED AC BROKE ON IMPACT, NO EVIDENCE OF BREAKUP DURING DESCENT. WRECKAGE PRESENTLY LOCATED WITHIN 15 YARD RADIUS.

D. NO EVIDENCE OF ATTEMPTED EJECTION BY PILOT. NOT PERMITTED TO VIEW REMAINS. AIR RESCUE SERVICE WILL CONTINUE ON SCENE PENDING ARRIVAL OF TEAM

E. LOCAL PRESS INQUIRY DIRECTED TO ARRS, WHO INDICATED THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY RESCUE OPERATIONS TAKING PLACE. SUGGESTED THAT SHOULD THERE BE ANY FURTHER INQUIRIES, THEY SHOULD BE ANSWERED WITH "NO COMMENT".

F. PRESENTLY ARMY TUG ON SCENE WITH SA-16 HOVERING NEARBY. ALSO 2 PARA RESCUE TROOPS ON SCENE. NAVY NOT INVOLVED AS YET.

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TAKING DIRECTION FROM

DEFENSE COMMAND AND INDICATE THAT NO ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO RECOVER
AC UNTIL THEY ARE SO ADVISED BY ARRIVING 22 JUNE.
THEY DO NOT EXPECT AIRCRAFT TO MOVE FROM PRESENT POSITION.

3. NO KUBARK INTEREST SURFACED. ALL ODUNIT PERSONNEL CAUTIONED
RE NEED FOR TIGHT HOLDDOWN.

4. WILL MEET REPS UPON ARRIVAL.

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